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Aruba crowns their Carnival queens Alina Mansur and Zizian Goeloe



Aruba Carnival 55 Queen Alina Mansur in costume

Izra Werleman of Champagne Group, who also was voted MAS Queen, Most Popular and won the trophy for Best Speech. Leeray Tachi of La Salle College was the second runner-up.

Alina swept all the categories of the Big Queen awards; MAS Queen, Most Popular, and trophies for Best Speech, Best Costume and Best Show. Runner-up was Erialda Croes of TOB Group and third place went to Roselyn Kelly, the queen candidate from the E.P.I. School.

This year's show was particular memorable for the quality and professionalism of the entertainment filled with grandeur and surprises including a spectacular finish to Alina's show, a tribute to the art and culture of China, which left the judges and the entire VIP section buried in red and gold streamers.



Aruba Carnival 55 Youth Queen Zizian Goeloe

Stamps commemorating Aruba's 55th Carnival launched



First runner-up Erialda Croes

for the rest of the evening. Sumptuous costumes and gowns combined beautifully choreographed presentations of the ten candidates, three for youth queen and seven for queen, resulted in a stunning show for Carnival queen election 2009.

Aruba's Minister of Finance, Nilo Swaen did the honors of crowning Zizian

Goeloe of the TOB group as the island's 46th Youth Queen, and was assisted by the President of the Stichting Arubaanse Carnaval (SAC), Tecla Kelly in the coronation of Alina Mansur of the Champagne Group as Queen.

Zizian also won for best costume and best show, second place Youth Queen was



As the traditional and main cultural activity of Aruba is the Carnival, the Aruba Post Office (Post Aruba N.V.) could not let this occasion go without producing a wonderful set of stamps in a souvenir sheet to celebrate Aruba's 55th Carnival. This Souvenir Sheet consists of four stamps: - 75c stamp:

Miss Carnival and carosa
- 100c stamp: carosa with clown and the 55 years on it
- 175c stamp: carosa with 55 years and Champagne bottle
- 225c stamp: dancing crowd during Carnival
This special edition of the four stamps is also available in an envelope with the 'first

issue cover.'

These emissions are available at the post offices in Oranjestad, San Nicolas, Santa Cruz and Port of Call starting February 6, 2009 until February 5, 2010.

These stamps can be ordered as well via e-mail: philatelic@postaruba.com.